complaints received from various quarters about allocation of garment quota to a private firm in Bombay, an internal investigation was carried on by the State Trading Corporation on the alleged irregularities. Based on this internal investigation, the matter has been referred to the CBI for further investigation. The matter is under investigation of the CBI.

No top executive of STC has so far resigned from the Corporation on account of this deal. However, one Chief General Manager dealing with textiles and readymade garment division, took voluntary retirement from the srvice of STC after attaining the age of 55 years as per service regulations of STC.

Show Cause Notices issued to Jewellers for passing of Gold Ornaments of Low Purity

2548. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gold Control Authority had served show cause notices to leading jewellers some time back for their alleged passing off gold ornaments of low purity as that made from 22 carat gold;

(b) if so, what are the details of jewellers to whom show cause notices were served;

(c) whether the Income Tax authorities have since completed the task of checking of their account books etc.; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what further action has been taken by Government against the jewellers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Show Cause Notices have been served on the following jewellers:—

Sr. No.	Name of the Jeweller	Collectorate under whom falling
1	M/s. Tribhovandas Bhimji Zaveri	Bombay
2	M/s Savajubhai Jewellers	Do.
3	M/s B.A. Shah Bros.	Do.
4	M/s Danabhai Minawala	Do.
5.	M/s. Puroshatam Vishram Zaveri	Do.
6.	M/s. Narandas & Sons	Do.
7.	M/s. Nanubhai Jewellers	Do.
8.	M/s. Lakshmi Jewellery	Combatore
9	Kiruba & Co.	Do.
10	Venco Jewellers	Do.
11	Thanga Maligai	Do.
12	R.V. Jewellers	Do.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Unearthing of spurious Gas Regulator Factory by Delhi Police

2549. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi police has recently unearthed a factory manufacturing spurious gas regulators with the fake trade mark of Bharat Petroleum near Shahdara;

(b) if so, what are the details of the persons arrested in this connection; and

(c) what are the details of the articles seized and action contemplated by Government against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A case has been registered u/s 420/486/34 IPC and 63 Copy Right Act. The proprietor of the factory Shahid & Mustafa son of Qutobuddin has been arrested. The articles seized include various types of regulators, regulator parts and machines used in manufacturing the regulators.

Show cause notice issued to Voltas Limited by DRI

2550. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the anti-evasion wing of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, New Delhi has served a show cause notice to Voltas Limited, a Tata concern for their alleged undervaluation of items used by them in their airconditioning plants;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what further action Government propose to take against Voltas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) A show cause notice involving central excise duty of Rs.15.35 crores has been issued on 27-10-1988 to M|s. Voltas Ltd., their Chairman and other senior executives for under-valuation of airconditioning and refrigerating appliances and parts thereof. The adjudication of the show cause notice is being expedited.

प्रोजेक्ट टाइगर

2551. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने हाल में "प्रोजेक्ट टाइगर" का अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय वन्य प्राणि उद्यानों के संदर्भ में मूल्यांकन किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार देश में शेरों की संख्या में हुई वृद्धि पर सन्तुष्ट है या कि यह वृद्धि इस योजना पर हुए व्यय के अनुपात में कम है; और

(घ) राष्ट्रीय पार्कों के आसपास रहने वाले उन लोगों को, जिनके मवेशियों को शेरों तथा अन्य जानवरों द्वारा मार दिया जाता है, मुआवजे के भुगतान के संबंध में सरकार की क्या नीति है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री जैड आर. अंसारी): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं।